Workshops) during last three years is given below :

Year	(In terms of four wheeler units) Wagons	Coaches
1994-95	10575	1579
1995-96	17950	1752
1996-97 (Upto Jan. 1997)	17430	1677

[English]

Doordarshan Production Centre, Karnataka

4092. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the places in Karnataka having Doordarshan Production Centres, location-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to open such more Centres in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Two Programme Production Centres, one each at Bangalore and Gulbarga are presently operational in the State of Karnataka.

(b) There is no approved scheme, at present, to set up additional Programme Production Centres in Karnataka.

(c) Does not arise.

Waiting List for Telephone Connections

4093. SHRI RAJU RANA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of customers on waiting list for telephone connections in Bhavnagar city;

(b) the time by when the waiting list is likely to be cleared;

(c) whether the Government have a proposal to install new telephone exchanges in the district during 1997; and

(d) if so, the details alongwith names of the villages thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) There are 10661 customers on waiting list for telephone connections in Bhavnagar city as on 28.02.1997.

(b) The existing waiting list is likely to be cleared progressively by March, 1998.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. There is a plan to commission 15000 lines New Technology exchange at Bhavnagar city during 1997-98. It is also proposed to open new telephone exchanges in the following villages in Bhavnagar district during 1997-98 :

S.No.	Name of Village	Type of exchange
1.	Bhutia	256 C-DOT
2.	Bajud	-do-
3.	Dolti	128 C-DOT
4.	Ganghali	-do-
5.	Bagdana	-do-

Free Travel Railway Passes

4094. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the number of free railway passes issued for higher-class railway travel and the cost involved per annum during 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97 so far, indicating the criteria adopted for issues of such passes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : A statement is enclosed.

Statement

S.No.	Category	No. of higher class pass (IAC/2AC/IClass) issued 1994-95	1995-96	1996-97 (upto 7.3.97)
1.	Individual and organisations at discretion of MR	181	315	425
2.	Ex. MR/MOS(R)/DMR	3	4	5
3.	Ex. MPs	1258	1301	1670
4.	Arjuna Awardees/ Olympic Medalists/ Asian & Commonwealth Gold Medalists	—	—	337
5.	Gallantry Awardees (Defence)	—	—	467
6.	Gallantry Awardees	—	—	243
7.	Presidents/Secretaries of National Sports Federation of India.	—	—	46

Since passes are complimentary in nature, the cost thereof is not computed.

In regard to category (i) above, complimentary card passes are issued at the personal discretion of the

Minister of Railways to eminent persons and organisations engaged in social, cultural, educational and welfare activities of national importance. Other categories are self explanatory.

Unemployed Persons

4095. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of unemployed persons registered with various Employment Exchanges in the country, State-wise;

(b) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide employment to these persons;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide special grants to the States to give unemployment allowance to the jobless youth;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) A Statement is enclosed.

(b) The approach to the 9th Plan envisages priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive employment and eradication of poverty.

(c) to (e) The Central Government is not in favour of paying unemployment allowance to any category of unemployed on account of resource constraints.

Statement

Number of job-seekers on the live register of employment exchanges in the country as at the end of 31st December, 1996.

(In thousands)

State/Union Territories	Number on live register
1	2
States	
1. Andhra Pradesh	2937.6
2. Arunachal Pradesh	7.0
3. Assam	1296.0
4. Bihar	3465.5
5. Goa	102.7
6. Gujarat	931.3
7. Haryana	756.3
8. Himachal Pradesh	638.4
9. Jammu and Kashmir	152.9
10. Karnataka	1808.5
11. Kerala	3274.1
12. Madhya Pradesh	2293.6
13. Maharashtra	3815.9
14. Manipur	292.1
15. Meghalaya	28.0
16. Mizoram	48.8
17. Nagaland	20.6
18. Orissa	963.5
19. Punjab	540.0
20. Rajasthan	886.9
21. Sikkim*	
22. Tamil Nadu	3607.7
23. Tripura	205.9
24. Uttar Pradesh	2491.6
25. West Bengal	5468.8
Union Territories	
26. Andaman and Nicobar Islands	21.6
27. Chandigarh	139.7
28. Dadra and Nagar Haveli	5.0
29. Delhi	1081.2
30. Daman and Diu	5.0
31. Lakshadweep	9.7
32. Pondicherry	133.8
Total	37429.6

Note : 1. No Employment Exchange is functioning in this State.

2. Figures may not add up to total due to rounding off.

3. All the job-seekers on the live register are not necessarily unemployed.

New Railway Line from Adilabad to Chanala

4096. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the construction of the new broad gauge railway line from Adilabad to Chanala (Maharashtra) has been completed;

(b) if so, when the said railway line was completed; and

(c) the time by which trains from North and South are likely to start on the said railway line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No such work is in progress.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.